

I am delighted, with *Agamon*. it leic me musing wmcn is a test of a great work. I invariably close one in a reverie. Wieland indeed always delights me. I sympathise with him much. There is a wild Oriental fancy blended with, his Western philosophy which is a charming union. I like a moral to peep out of the wildest invention, to assure us that, while we have been amused, we have also all the time been growing a little wiser. The translation of the *Agathon* is very clumsy. I wish I could read it in the original but I have no talent fpi-languages and invariably lose my command over English in an exact proportion as I gain any hold over another tongue. . . . My kind regards to his Highness, King Alfred: a wise man though not a Saxon.

Your faithful
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From Lady Blessington.

Aug. 20, 1834.

I am very sorry indeed to hear that you have been ill and sad; we are all but poor machines, easily put out of order, when the mind, or the heart, or both—for they always like true friends sympathise — are deranged or chagrined. What poor philosophers even the wisest of us are proved to be, when influenced by some master passion, and authors who, like yourself, can make others think, are among those who can the least govern their own thoughts, when once under the rule of love. Genius is, and must ever be, accompanied by passions proportionately strong, and I therefore reserve all my sympathies for its calamities, which is exactly the reverse of the practice of the world.

From Count D'Orsay.

[Undated, "I

C'est une injustice que fait le cher Disraeli que de supposer qu'il ne peut approcher son ami que comme un Pacha & trois queues, charge de presents orientaux. Ces chevaux arabes, ces sabres damas, ne sont que des presents mate'riels, mais lorsqu'il s'agit de dons spirituels, de ceux qu'une belle Nature seule peut engendre, c'est alors qu'il regrette de ne pas voir celui qui possede toute la vivacite et le feu du coursier arabe dans le caractere et le tranehant dans Pesprit du damas. Ces nchesses sont les seules dont Phorume ait le droit de se glorifier et le cher Disraeli a done extrgmement tort, d'être injuste envers cette belle Nature, qui a ete si genereuse a son <%ard.

Son ami affectionne,

